

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous claims, and listings of claims, in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A steering apparatus comprising:

a steering drive shaft capable of moving in an axial direction in response to a steering operation;

a housing accommodating the steering drive shaft and having a tube part; and

a bracket having a fitting hole into which said tube part is fitted and configured to attach ~~attaching~~ said housing to a car body, wherein said bracket has a recess in said fitting hole and said tube part has an escape preventing protrusion bent into said recess, for preventing said bracket from escaping.
2. (Original): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recess is a circular groove.
3. (Previously Presented): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tube part is metal.

4. (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a steering apparatus provided with a steering drive shaft capable of moving in an axial direction in response to a steering operation and with a housing accommodating the steering drive shaft and having a metal tube part, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a fitting step of fitting said metal tube part into a fitting hole of a bracket provided with said fitting hole into which said metal tube part is fitted and which has a recess in an inner side thereof, and with an attached part attached to the car body; and

a step of pressing said metal tube part outward in a radial direction from an inner side of the metal tube part after the fitting step, and thereby bending a part of said metal tube part into said recess, for preventing said bracket from escaping.
5. (New): The steering apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recess includes a circumferential groove.